

## WHAT IS VALID PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP?

Effective January 1, 2013, any person registering to vote in Kansas for the first time must provide satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship. The following documents are acceptable as proof of U.S. citizenship for voter registration purposes:

- Birth certificate that verifies U.S. citizenship
- U.S. passport
- U.S. naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization
- U.S. military record of service showing the applicant's place of birth in the U.S.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number or tribal enrollment number
- Certificate of citizenship issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Certification of report of birth issued by the U.S. Department of State
- Consular report of birth abroad of a citizen of the U.S.
- Other documents or methods of proof of U.S. citizenship issued by the federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952
- American Indian card, with KIC classification, issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Final adoption decree showing the applicant's name and U.S. birthplace
- Extract from a U.S. hospital record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth indicating the applicant's place of birth in the U.S.
- Driver's license or nondriver's identification card issued by Kansas or another state, *if it has a notation indicating that the person has provided satisfactory proof of U.S. citizenship*

## ELECTION DATES

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

**TUESDAY, JULY 17**

Deadline to register to vote or  
change party affiliation

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3**

Deadline to apply for an  
advance ballot to be mailed

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7**

Primary Election

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Deadline to register to vote

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Deadline to apply for an  
advance ballot to be mailed

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

General Election

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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County information may be found at  
[www.sos.ks.gov/elections/elections\\_registration\\_ceo.asp](http://www.sos.ks.gov/elections/elections_registration_ceo.asp)

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# A GUIDE TO KANSAS SECURE AND FAIR ELECTIONS (SAFE) ACT

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# SAFE ACT

## The Kansas Legislature passed the Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act in 2011.

The SAFE Act is intended to ensure that all voters are qualified to vote and to make it more difficult to cast an illegal vote.

All provisions take effect January 1, 2012, except that applicants for voter registration after January 1, 2013, must provide proof of U.S. citizenship.

The SAFE Act was amended in 2012 by adding to the photo ID list a card issued by an Indian tribe.

## WHAT IS THE SAFE ACT?

The SAFE Act contains three major parts:

### 1. Photo ID at polling place

Each voter must show photographic identification each election, with certain specific exceptions.

### 2. Identification and security of advance ballots sent by mail

Voters who request advance ballots by mail must submit either their driver's license numbers or copies of photographic identification documents. The security of ballots being returned by mail is enhanced through the following methods:

- By-mail advance voters must personally sign their ballot applications.
- By-mail advance voters must personally mail or deliver their ballots to the election office or, if not, designate in writing other persons to mail or deliver their ballots.
- Designated ballot delivery persons must sign statements that they did not unduly influence the voters'

decisions and that they will mail or deliver the ballots as directed by the voters.

### 3. Citizenship verification at registration

Each person registering to vote after January 1, 2013, must provide proof of U.S. citizenship.

## WHAT PHOTO ID WILL I NEED?

The following documents may be used as photographic identification for purposes of voting in Kansas:

- Driver's license issued by Kansas or another state
- State identification card issued by Kansas or another state
- Concealed carry of handgun license issued by Kansas or another state
- U.S. passport
- Employee badge or identification document issued by a government agency
- U.S. military identification document
- Student identification card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in Kansas
- Public assistance identification card issued by a government agency
- An identification card issued by an Indian tribe

## FREE PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION:

A registered voter who does not possess any of the approved government-issued photographic identification documents and who wishes to vote may apply for a free nondriver identification card at the Division of Vehicles. The person must sign a form containing an affidavit stating that he or she (1) is registered to vote and (2) does not possess a photographic identification document. **Form DE-VID1** (Certification Requesting Fee Waiver for Non-driver Identification Card) is provided by the Division of Vehicles at all driver's license offices, at all county election offices and on the secretary of state's website.

## ADVANCE VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS:

- A person voting in person in the county election office or at a satellite site is treated the same as a regular voter at the polling place on election day.
- A person voting by mail may write his or her driver's license number on the application form or submit a copy of valid identification with the ballot application.
- If an advance voter fails to provide identification information, or if the information provided is not valid, the county election officer may issue a provisional ballot, but the ballot is not considered valid unless the voter submits identification sometime before the county canvass. By law, counties may canvass on the Monday following the election or on the following Thursday (the second Thursday following the election). Voters should check with their county election office to determine the canvass date.

## EXEMPTIONS FROM PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT:

- Persons age 65 or older may use expired photo ID documents.
- Photo ID requirements do not apply to military and overseas citizens who vote under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).
- Photo ID requirements do not apply in mail ballot elections. Mail ballot elections are limited to local jurisdictions holding special question-submitted elections.
- Photo ID requirements do not apply to voters who qualify, apply and are accepted to the permanent advance voting list, as long as they remain on the permanent advance voting list.
- Any person whose religious beliefs prohibit photographic identification may be exempted from the photo ID requirement. Any such person must complete and sign a **Form DRO** (Declaration of Religious Objection).